

**Woman's Department.**

**Estella and Topsy.**  
 OUR SISTERS: The inquiry has been made how we shall plan our work so as to have time for reading and social interests, and the following are all requested to express their opinion upon the subject. I will discuss the question freely, and I hope to hear from all the sisters. Now, my dear friend, the gentleman you spoke of may be one of the observing kind and know something about farm life; do not be dissatisfied if he does not seem to understand you. I remind your sisters, for in twenty-one years upon the farm when I plan my work, the best of my ability I have always had to devote to work mornings and evenings by light, and I always found that brains

And I am as well as on the plane in the pulp, and the more system I keep with our work the more I can accomplish. We all like to have the surroundings, and to make our work attractive, and to have pretty clothing. Our little ones, but dear sisters, let us have a style that will be neat and tasty. Our garments quickly made easily done. Let us keep fresh and nice, without much cost, saving the extra time for our improvement or social pleasure. And with Augusta that it is better to do some things undone than to let the income be dulled beyond reviving; should keep pace with the growing expense of the day. I do not think that

the baker's bread is as good as the poorer baker's, the man who is able to converse intelligently upon any subject that may be introduced is an ideal saying "the more you know the woman the better she could be." I think these are very encouraging words; they should stimulate us to exertions to cultivate ourselves for the benefit of our race. I want to raise my family so that they may be able to receive in what is called good conversation, they can do this, I theorize, and I think they will, if they are kind and considerate of the most of the people they meet; but I am straying from my subject. I have always found that a hour spent with some favorite author is a more profitable hour than at the close of a lone day refresh-

...ng them and so tired or dis-  
abled woman but would feel the better  
if I read Mrs. Muloch or George  
Writings, and there are hundreds of  
that are equally beneficial that  
be found in every home; but above  
all provide books, papers and maga-  
zines of a high moral tone and suited  
to the capacity of our children; it will have a  
direct influence on their lives in com-  
parison to the uninviting study of text  
books.

Dear sisters, I want to thank you  
for your soul inspiring and cheering  
words.

How often my heart has throbb-  
ed with your words. I would like to  
share with you all I am afraid you will chide

**Normandy Lace.**

narrow, knit 1, over, narrow, knit  
narrow, knit 1; 5th row—Knit 3,  
narrow, knit 4, narrow, over, knit 1,  
over, knit 5, over, narrow, knit 1,  
narrow, knit 2; 6th row—Knit 2, over, knit  
1, over, knit 3, over, narrow, knit  
1, over, narrow, knit 1, over, narrow, knit  
1, narrow, knit 1; 7th row—Knit 3,  
narrow, knit 5, over, narrow, knit 1,  
narrow, knit 3, narrow, over, knit 1,  
over, knit 1, narrow; 8th row—Cast  
knit 1, over, narrow, knit 1, over,  
knit one, narrow, over, knit 1,  
over, knit 8, over, narrow, knit 1;  
9th row—Knit 3, over, narrow, knit 7,  
narrow, knit 1, over, slip 1, narrow

knit 11 stitches over one just narrowed,  
knit 1, narrow, knit 1, narrow; 10th  
knit 2, over, narrow, knit 3, narrow,  
knit 10, over, narrow, knit 1; 11th  
knit 3, over, narrow, knit 9, over,  
knit 1, narrow, over, knit 3; 12th  
cast off 2, knit 1, over, knit 3 to-  
over, knit 2, over, narrow, knit 1.

CADY SMILEY.

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**Why is It?**

It seems to me that if a housekeeper  
ten kinds of housework well, they  
can elevate. I know a sensible  
keeper who has good judgment, skill

deliberate executive ability, who says nobody can make good healthy bread from raised wheat." Rather poor management by her farmer husband who himself upon his broad, luxuriant fields, and generous harvest returns, could not make good healthy bread. The flour is light, nicely baked, but of course of chrome yellow with salaratus, and says this is absolutely necessary for lightness. I use home made flour like my biscuit after this recipe: one teaspoon of salaratus to one teacup of germ or good clabber, and though sometimes get a little too much salaratus by no means chrome yellow. I heard of another housekeeper who

to bake with wood less than a year  
was an utter impossibility. The no-  
mat some people get are laughable  
Why don't they reason a bit about  
ings, as they do about others and  
could see the absurdity of such no-  
onical. Everything is founded on  
phical rules, and if they can trace  
common sense in one way they can  
DOROTHY.

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**Random Thoughts.**

take up my pen to-day I hear the  
earing round the corners of my little  
room. It is almost enough to make

ever, just do listen to its roar; it is the usual old King Winter is at hand. The ground will be covered with the streams will be frozen over, the little birds that make the world so with their happy songs will soon try to find a warmer climate. Happy songsters to escape the frosts of.

How we miss them in the fall and eagerly we look forward to their coming in the spring. Last Saturday in coming from school, I plucked some such as is found on old rotten stumps and some more that grows on will some one please tell me some way to arrange it?

CONNIE.

**Talks With the Sisters.**

THE SISTERS: I seem to knock even more frequently than Jonathan, but I find man's Column so interesting that I myself quite often. I thought when the article on "Temperance" last week was true it was that we were not as bad in temperance as we ought to be. I would like to knit edging slip by just a little more about temperance. I would write a little more about temperance would be better. What is going to be with this awful curse? Will not sister who can write better than I

up? When is Clarissa Potter? Will give us an article on it? Hoping to from some of the sisters soon I remain  
**MABEL CLIFFORD.**

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Some morning dresses are made up of embroidery outlining a hood at the back of the neck, and have the within the embroidery covered with silk and bordered with lace sewed on the edge of the upper side of the embroidery. The effect is not very good, but who have become used to a hood make this arrangement better than a

The plaid plushes are called "stair-











